



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/295,691
Filing Date	April 21, 1999
First Named Inventor	KAYYEM
Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	J. STARSIAK
Attorney Docket Number	A-67465

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (Three Month)
- ii. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other EXHIBITS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any addition fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-67465/RFT/RMS/RMK)
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 03/25/2002 AWDNDAF1 00000011 09295691
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 02 FC:179
- iii. Other _____ 740.00 OP
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1660.00 (\$740. filing fee; \$920. Three Month Extension of Time) is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

RECEIVED

MAR 26 2002

TC 1700

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Renee M. Kossiak for Robin M. Silva, Reg No. 38,304	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	47,717
Signature		Date	3/11/02

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box RCE, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

Name (Print Type)	Mary McFarland		
Signature		Date	March 11, 2002